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SUBJECT: THE RPP AND SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL

REF: (A) COPENHAGEN 3693, (B) COPENHAGEN 3662

1. THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL INDICATIONS RECENTLY THAT THE
REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) IS INTERESTED IN JOINING THE
SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL (SI). AMONG THEM ARE:

(A) DECEMBER 18 LEFTIST POLITIKA REPORTED THAT IN RESPONSE
TO A REQUEST BY ECEVIT, THE RPP CENTRAL EXECUTIVE BOARD ON
DECEMBER 17 HAD AUTHORIZED PARTICIPATION IN SI SHOULD THE PARTY
RECEIVE A FORMAL INVITATION. THE ARTICLE STATED THAT AN INVITATION
HAD NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED, BUT THAT SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME HAD TOLD
ECEVIT HE WOULD SUPPORT RPP ADMISSION.

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(B) AYRINTILI HABER PREDICTED DECEMBER 17 THAT THE RPP WOULD

ANNOUNCE ITS INTENTION TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP ON DECEMBER 19.

(C) RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT SOUGHT AND OBTAINED THE
BACKING OF THE DANISH SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR ADMISSION
(REF. A).

(D) IN WHAT APPEARS TO BE AN EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN, LIBERAL
MILLIYET AND LEFTIST CUMHURIYET AND POLITIKA (ALL PRO-RPP)
EDITORIALIZED DECEMBER 18 ON THE NATURE OF SI, ITS ANTICOMMUNISM
(OR AS MILLIYET'S IPKECI STATED "THE ANTITHESIS TO COMMUNISM") AND THE

BENEFITS WHICH WOULD ACCRUE NOT ONLY TO THE TPP BUT TO TURKEY BY
JOINING AN INTERNATIONAL DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION AND THUS "SAVE
TURKEY FROM THE ISOLATION IT FACED DURING THE CYPRUS PROBLEM"
(CUMHURIYET).

2. FOR LONDON: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU MIGHT
ACQUIRE FROM THE SI SECRETARIAT CONCERNING THE LIKELIHOOD OF SI DECID-
ING
DURING ITS JANUARY CONFERENCE IN DENMARK TO INVITE THE
TPP TO JOIN.
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